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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 8TH, 1904.

MANY thinking people must have wondered what is the real object of Russia in bringing out the Baltic fleet to Eastern Asia. It is unlikely that the arrival of the fleet can save the apparently inevitable capture of Port Arthur, notwithstanding the almost superhuman efforts of the garrison to delay the surrender till the arrival of the ships shall restore to Russia the numerical superiority over Japan. Vladivostok will by the time the fleet arrives be closed for the winter, and in case that Port Arthur be in possession of Japan there is no apparent place of rendezvous. So far as is at present known there is no hostile force between Japan and Suez, and after passing Aden it would seem that unless Admiral ROZHDESTVENSKY should commit some further act of folly sufficient to compel even an unwilling British Government to interfere by force with its further progress, the entire coast of Japan will be open to its depredations; what this may mean we have sufficient warning from Russia's previous conduct. On anything like equal terms there would be no doubt as to the issue should the Russian come in contact with the Japanese fleet. But the Japanese fleet has had to bear all the brunt of sea service for the last nine months, while the Russian will arrive with comparatively fresh ships. That the Japanese will make a desperate resistance there is no doubt. But fresh ships and fresh guns count for much in such a contest, and then comes the problem what

further course do the Russians propose to take under the circumstances, and supposing that they should gain a preliminary advantage. From trustworthy sources we are fortunately able to pronounce with some confidence the present plan of campaign. The first aim of Russia is in fact to gain a footing in Formosa. It is true that with the exception of Kilung, Formosa, so far as the present occupied portion is concerned, possesses no good harbour, but the Pescadores, which are not far distant, supply at least one good harbour, besides several anchorage grounds, and these it is proposed to occupy in the first instance. There are besides on the practically unexplored east coast one or two bays which may afford temporary shelter, so that the scheme is not altogether so chimerical as at first glance it might appear. Once established in comfortable quarters in the Pescadores it is hoped that the position of affairs will be altered, and that Japan will be forced to utilise her entire naval force in guarding the Formosa Channel; thence Russia proposes operating against Japan's communications, and so to finally compel the evacuation of Shantung, and eventually of Korea. Such we learn from Russian sources is the actual plan of operations. That in the hands of an able commander such a plan, however bold its inception, would, were the Japanese taken in the first instance unawares, hold out a fair chance of ultimate success there is little doubt; and that some such scheme has suggested itself would account for the seemingly quixotic despatch of the entire of Russia's home fleet to waters where a decisive defeat would mean the crippling for a generation at least of Russia's power of offence in Europe. The information has fallen accidentally in our way, but we have no reason to doubt its perfect authenticity, and as so large issues depend on the issue of the war we feel ourselves justified in publishing it.

The U.S.S. *Baltimore* left for Chesoo yesterday.

Honan troops are drilling under Japanese instruction.

Chang Chih Tung is said to be colloquing with the Japanese.

The price of charcoal in North China is reported to have increased a hundred per cent.

Reports of buried treasure at Tientsin have set a lot of people digging there lately.

Messrs Benjamin, Kelly & Potts have received the following telegram:—"Ramb Mines: 3,500 tons are crushed for a yield of 435 ounces smelted gold."

Wu Ting-fang is reported to have come forward as a sponsor for the proposed Chinese national bank and proposes raising the still necessary funds in America.

The officials at Nanking are wondering what to do with the employees and the stock from the Imperial silk weaving factory, shut down for "economical reasons."

No wonder China remains poor. Twelve million taels are said to have been spent on the birthday celebrations at Peking. Much of this would be grabbed and hoarded.

It is proposed to establish a glass factory in Shansi, where the soil is suitable. The sand was formerly sent south for the manufacture of porcelain, but now it is found suitable for glass making.

The probable subjects of the examination for the Blake Scholarship (a scholarship at Queen's College presented by Chinese gentlemen) are translation from English into Chinese, Chinese into English, and composition.

A newspaper in Tientsin publishes a letter containing this harsh comment:—"Probably in no other port is snobbery so highly developed as amongst a certain shoddy clique of young boundaries in Tientsin."

Tomorrow will be observed as a holiday by all Mahomedans, the occasion being the anniversary of the festival of Ramthan. During the month of this festival, followers of Mahomet will fast from sunrise till sunset.

While the steamer *Cheong Lee* was on the way to Yau-mat on Tuesday morning, a Chinese passenger jumped overboard and was drowned. His name is unknown. The police have been unable to find his body.

The Board of Commerce having granted the working of the coal mines in the Western Hills, it is proposed to establish a kiln on the coal which, it is hoped, will furnish Tls. 20,000 per annum for the upkeep of primary schools.

The Waiwun has applied to the American Minister for the rendition of a certain piece of land near the Chen Men. The *Peking Times* reports that the Minister replied that no places occupied after 1900 could be given back without a suitable *quid pro quo*.

Some South China merchants have obtained permission to work the coal mines at Ichow in the Western Hills, where the coal is said to be just as good as the Tongshan coal. The head office will be at Paoingfu, and the working capital is Tls. 100,000.

Inspector J. Williamson, of the Hongkong Police, is rather seriously ill, and is now being tended at the Civil Hospital.

Sixteen members turned up at last evening's Chess Club meeting—a larger number than for a considerable time. Some good games were played.

The *Peking Times* reports that the Board of Commerce has requested the Waiwun to inform the I. G. and the Customs Commissioners that the registration of trademarks will not be postponed, and the work is to be proceeded with.

Appropos the Russian hooliganism at Crete, the *China Review* says:—"We think that the episode has been made too much of; but there, 'any stick does to beat a dog with'; as was also the case with the Hull affair!" Adequate comment on this is impossible.

Forty Chinese students from Shanghai left for Europe by the Norddeutscher Lloyd s.s. *Preussen* yesterday. Tokyo is not to have them all. It is said that the Viceroy of Canton is about to send to Europe several students from the south of China.

Chinese cargo carriers, suffering harsh treatment at the likin stations, have hit upon the device of flying foreign flags to protect their property. A sharp-eyed censor has pointed out to the Emperor that this will tend to make foreigners popular, "therefore," it should be stopped.

A correspondent points out that the Hongkong Civil Service Cricket Club has a Robin and a Raven in its League team, and wonders why Mr. R. E. O. Bird refused to play for this Eleven. He suggests the answer himself, that perhaps he was too "fly." We have no opinion on the matter, and must suggest that this correspondence is now closed.

The old Russian sloop, the *Zabiaka*, that was practically the Tsar's first war ship on the Asiatic Station, is no more. She received a Japanese shell amidsthips while lying in Port Arthur harbour, and sank. The story is told how poor Admiral Makarov used to joke his staff by saying—"Ha, ha, so the Japanese are coming. We must send the *Zabiaka* to drive them off." For the past four years the *Zabiaka* was the despatch vessel of Admiral Alexieff; although she could steam only nine knots.

A simple and apparently excellent method of recording a ship's course is that devised by Mr. W. Whiteman. The compass is provided with 360 electric contacts, and is connected by nine wires with a registering apparatus, in which a strip of paper is moved forward one millimetre every second by clockwork. [The paper is ruled with 360 lines, one for each degree. The registering pen always indicates the degree toward which the compass needle is pointing and the line drawn shows the extent and time of every change of direction.]

A Kaifeng letter states that Governor Chen Kuei-lung of Honan has made all arrangements for the establishment of a Military Academy in that city, on the Japanese model, and recently instructed the Provincial Treasurer to preside over the entrance examination of candidates for that institution. Nearly eight hundred young men completed, one of the topics for examination being an essay on the comparative merits of Chinese and foreign army organisation. Only sixty youths were accepted out of the large number that completed.

Replying to the statement of Count Okuma, leader of the Japanese progressive party, that the war with Russia would be long, but that Japan would win in the end, the *Novoe Vremya* declares that the idea of a possible compromise with Japan has been abandoned, and that the war must be prosecuted by Russia in such a way that there can be no possibility of Japan renewing the struggle. "If we conclude peace with Japan all our efforts in the Far East will be valueless, and we shall have to spend enormous sums to keep up our armament there. The Japanese, once for all, must be driven out of the Asiatic continent."

A meeting of the Hongkong Volunteers was held at Headquarters last night, when there were 25 members present. It was agreed that a dance should be held, and that circulars should be sent out to ascertain the general opinion of members of the corps in this respect, and if favourable to arrange a date for holding the same—probably during the latter part of next month. The Commandant stated that he wished to have a s'miler rifle meeting to the one which took place two years ago. The matter was discussed and held over till a subsequent meeting. The plans for the new headquarters, the Commandant said, were in his office, and he was in hopes the Government would soon make a start on the work.

The *Eastern Times* learns that Viceroy Chang Chih-tung has recently sent up to Peking a long memorial concerning the reorganisation of the three Manchurian provinces of Fengtien, Kirin, and Heilungkiang. The gist of this memorial is as follows:—(1) Change the status of the three provinces, appointing over each of them a Governor, a Treasurer, and a Judge with Tsoisai, prefects, district magistrates, etc., etc., and a Viceroy over all. (2) Reorganise the troops on the Japanese model, namely, an active army and a reserve. (3) Introduce gendarmes. (4) Open additional ports to international trade. (5) Establish a Government bank in Mukden and issue bank notes as legal tender, to be current only in Manchuria, and (6) Establish a department of foresting and fishing companies on the Yalu and Sungari rivers.

TELEGRAMS.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

THRILLING STORY FROM MANILA.

PRISONERS' ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.

MANILA, 7th December.

A concerted attempt to escape from the Bilibid Penitentiary was made to-day by five hundred short term prisoners. The attempt was attended by great violence, and much bloodshed.

The prisoners made a united rush upon the blacksmiths engaged in the prison premises, overpowered them, and secured their tools. With these, they made an attack upon the main gates.

Before they could get to work on the fastenings, the guards in the gate-tower, armed with a gatling gun, opened fire, and other warders hastening up with shot guns, the mutineers were soon overpowered. Fifteen of them were killed outright, and 37 wounded, the majority of the latter not being expected to recover.

Some such plot had been anticipated for a week, the bearing of the prisoners having undergone a significant change since the recent outbreak at the military prison on Malahi Island, when a number of prisoners captured a Government launch, and escaped in it.

THE WAR.

[BY COURTESY OF THE JAPANESE CONSUL.]

BOMBARDING THE REMNANT FLEET.

TOKYO, 7th December.

The Commander of the Naval Artillery Corps at Port Arthur reports that since the 2nd inst., the bombardment continues daily with considerable effect against the Russian ships, anchored south of Pelyushan, which have been hit so far by at least 194 shots. The observation from the 203 Metre Hill on the morning of 6th inst. showed the *Pollava* sunk and the *Retrisa* heeling considerably to port. Both ships are believed to be unfit for action or navigation.

TOKYO, 7th December.

The Port Arthur Army reports that the enemy on Akasakayama, being unable to withstand our plunging fire from the 203 Metre Hill, evacuated it entirely. We occupied it on Tuesday. We captured also two other hills near Itzushan on the same day. We consented to a five hours suspension of hostilities proposed by the enemy's parliamentaire on Tuesday for collecting the dead.

TOKYO, 6th December.

The Port Arthur army reports that our naval guns bombarded the Russian ships on December 3rd and 5th, several of which, especially the *Pobieda* and *Retrisa*, were observed to be hit repeatedly.

On the afternoon of December 5th the enemy's powder magazine, south of Pelyushan, was struck by shells and exploded, causing a conflagration which lasted over two hours.

On December 5th the bombardment by our heavy guns also worked effectively on the Russian ships in the harbour, including the *Pollava*, from which thick volumes of smoke rose, continuing for one hour.

The besieging operations against Sungshan and the forts to the East continued day and night.

On December 4th our forces captured two quick-firers in a caponier at Urlungshan.

On December 6th the heavy siege guns renewed the bombardment against the Russian ships with satisfactory results. The bombardment is still continuing.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

COALING THE BALTIC FLEET.

LONDON, 5th December.

The British Foreign Office, late on Saturday, instructed the authorities at Cardiff, under the Foreign Enlistment Act, to prohibit the German steamer *Captain W. Neugell* from coaling, the Government having received proof that her previous cargo had been delivered to the Baltic fleet. The steamer had already taken 400 tons on board when she was stopped. It is understood that the Government is investigating the cases of other steamers loading. The question of contraband is not involved and shipments to Russia and Japan not affected.

LATER.

Reuter's correspondent at Perim wires that Admiral Folkersham's squadron is coaling from colliers at Mushah Islands between Obok and Jibutit.

Another German collier has been stopped loading at Cardiff; the shipper is the German Consul.

ROWING.

VICTORIA REGATTA OPENING TO-DAY.

To-day is the opening day of the Victoria Regatta. The prospect is that there will be very closely contested races, the respective crews having practised assiduously. The principal event of the day is the International racing, by British and German crews. There is very little to choose between the crews; a very tight contest is anticipated. The river steamer *Kiangtung* has been chartered for use as a flagship; the most comfortable accommodation will be provided on board for ladies, subscribers, rowing men, etc.

The most interesting contests, in which the Canton crews take part—the Interport Fours and Pairs—take place on the second day. Judging from the form displayed by the Canton men at the Canton Regatta, it is expected that the visitors will give the local crews a good struggle, though it is expected that in their own waters the Hongkong men will win. Hongkong will be represented in both interport events by crews made up of V.R.C. and Boat Club men combined.

Neither Singapore nor Shanghai will be represented, but perhaps they will come to the Port Regatta, which has been initiated by His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., and will probably be held in February. It is hoped that Canton, Manila, Shanghai and Singapore will all be represented on that occasion.

It is said that the two new one-design yachts *Gale* and *Nina* will not race, because their handicaps allowances are only thirteen minutes, and they would have to give time to larger boats.

THE STREET TRAMS.

It is understood that the Electric Trams here are making "fair" profits, but the initial statement of returns has not yet been presented to the shareholders in London. When additional cars arrive—and they are to come shortly—it is expected that the Company will not much greater profits. Some disappointment has been expressed regarding European patronage, or non-patronage. Some cars were recently stationed at the Canton Wharf for the accommodation of incoming European passengers. About forty arrived, but only two patronised the electric cars. Europeans, however, avail themselves of the cars, in great numbers, for the Circus, the races, or when they are in no particular hurry. The Chinese, though, are the real patrons of the Company; and under the circumstances it is somewhat to be regretted that all the cars are not cross-bench. The cross-bench cars accommodate forty persons instead of 33 in the closed-in ones. The latter were ordered expressly for Europeans, while, as a matter of fact, the Europeans themselves seem to prefer the open pattern cars—especially taking into consideration Hongkong's mild winter. From a European viewpoint it might be a useful experiment to run the cars on time, and to post up time-tables at the various stopping places. The conductors might be advised to slow up between stopping places that are wide apart, instead of grinning amiably and racing away from the would-be passenger.

ESTATE SALES.

Two houses belonging to the estate of Mr. W. Stuart Harrison, deceased, the late manager of the Telephone Company, were auctioned by Mr. T. Hough, of Messrs. Hughes and Hough, yesterday afternoon. Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, of Messrs. Denny and Bowley, appeared as solicitor for the executor.

"CHELTENDALE."

The first lot to be put up was "Cheltendale," situated at Mount Gough, the Peak. The premises are situated on Sub-section 1 of Section C and Section G of Rural Building Lot No. 9 and Section A of Inland Lot No. 1376. Rural Building Lot No. 9 is held for the residue of a term of 75 years created by the Crown Lease thereof and Inland Lot No. 1376 is held on a yearly tenancy from the Crown. The proportion of Crown Rent payable in respect of Rural Building Lot No. 9 is \$3.50 and the present proportion of annual rent payable in respect of Section A of Inland Lot No. 1376 is \$7.50.

This lot was purchased by the Brothers R. and H. Hancock for \$16,000. The purchasers were tenants occupying the house at the time of sale.

NO. 7, STEWART TERRACE.

The next lot was No. 7, Stewart Terrace, situate on the remaining portion of Section C of Rural Building Lot No. 9, held for the residue of a term of 75 years created by the Crown Lease of the Lot, the proportion of Crown Rent being \$3.35. Possession will be given on the 1st day of January, 1905.

This was purchased by Mr. E. Osborne for \$9,850.

With reference to each lot, it was optional for the vendors to leave two-thirds of the purchase money on mortgage at eight per cent.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN OUTRAGE.

News has been received in Japan, in a letter from Canada, of the sinking of the Japanese schooner *Kiyochi Maru*, eighty tons, on the 16th August by a Russian war-vessel in the Sea of Okhotsk. The crew were taken to Nikolaievsk and thence to Khabarovsk, where they were on the 3rd September. There were on board, beside the crew of eighteen Japanese, one Canadian, and three American hunters, and an American cook. The names of the three American hunters are: J. Thompson, George McCallum, and J. Knapp. The Canadian's name is McNeill. The information came from the mother of McNeill, who had received a letter from her son from Khabarovsk. Only the bare facts were given that the vessel had been sunk by the Russians and the crew had lost everything they had. The vessel was on a seal-hunting voyage and was owned by Mr. Yukichi Tomii, of Yokohama. The last news received by the owner's family was dated the 4th August, at which date the vessel had a catch of two hundred skins.

SHANGHAI AND HONGKONG DYEING AND CLEANING CO., LIMITED.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The second annual general meeting of the Shanghai and Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co. Ltd. was held on Wednesday, 7th December, at the Company's offices, No. 22, Des Vaux Road. Mr. G. C. Moxon presided. There were also present Messrs. F. Ellis, E. Haskell, Chan Ki Pan and Yuen Jan Hing.

The Manager (Mr. G. C. Moxon) having read the notice convening the Meeting said:

GENTLEMEN,—The accounts and report for the year ending on 31st August last have now been some days in your hands, and I will adopt, the usual procedure with your permission, and take them as read. I regret that the working account should show a debit balance of \$5,537.34, but in such an enterprise as ours it is perhaps to be expected that at the outset there should be some loss—as time goes on and the works become more generally known I am of opinion that the volume of business will increase and should be attended with profit. To make use of a hackneyed expression, there is no doubt that this Company fills a long-felt want in the Far East, and I cannot but think that its existence will very shortly be justified. It is gratifying to the management to be able to record that the work turned out since we started has given general satisfaction, and it is a cheering fact that our receipts have steadily increased since March last, when the works opened. You have an efficient, expert staff, your works are well equipped and well situated, and I do not think better work could be turned out by any similar institution. We want more business, of course, which it is our constant endeavour to obtain, and I have every reason to believe that in this we shall be successful. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts I shall be glad to answer any questions.

The report presented was as follows:—The directors beg to submit to the shareholders: the annual report and accounts for year ended 31st August, 1904, which they regret show a loss on working account of \$5,537.34.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. Arthur R. Leake of Shanghai.

G. C. MOXON,
General Manager.

The accounts are as follows:—

BALANCE-SHEET.	
31st August, 1904.	
Dr. Sundry creditors.....	\$ 126.87
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.....	19,351.92
Capital account.....	18,478.79
	60,000.00
	\$78,478.79
ASSETS.	
Cr. Land account.....	\$ 6,194.73
Buildings account.....	23,938.31
Machinery and plant account.....	25,244.18
Fire insurance unexpired.....	55,073.22
Stock account.....	81,432.46
Furniture and fittings account.....	542.99
Cash account.....	1,085.45
Expenses during construction account.....	677.25
Profit and loss account.....	14,940.13
	5,537.34
	\$73,478.79

WORKING ACCOUNT.

For the six months ending 31st August, 1904.	
Dr. To Shanghai works charges account.....	\$ c.
To fire insurance account.....	570.45
To stationery, printing and advertising account.....	738.37
To coal account.....	2,304.41
To cost account.....	307.29
To Shanghai charges account.....	76.47
To delivery charges account.....	138.74
To water account.....	125.09
To Shanghai agency account.....	1,400.00
To taxes account.....	251.69
To Hongkong charges account.....	389.69
To wages account.....	2,567.93
To salaries account.....	1,054.97
	\$10,418.42
Cr. By dyeing and cleaning account \$4,808.73	
By balance carried to profit and loss account.....	5,519.69
	10,418.42
	\$10,418.42

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the six months ending 31st August, 1904.	
Dr. To working account—balance transferred.....	\$ c.
To auditor's fee.....	68.49
	\$5,588.18
Cr. By exchange account.....	\$ c.
By balance carried down being net loss.....	5,537.34
	\$5,588.18

There being no questions, the CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. E. HASKELL seconded and it was duly carried.

BALTIC FLEET'S PROGRAMME.

LEAKAGE OF RUSSIAN PLANS.

From a private and confidential source, but one the trustworthiness of which we have no reason to doubt, we learn that the immediate objective of the Baltic Fleet is Formosa. A telegram ordering certain arrangements was received at a certain place, and it disclosed the fact that the Baltic Fleet, on arrival in eastern waters, would endeavour to find a suitable anchorage on the coast of Formosa. Troops are to be landed; and the harrying of shipping is expected to bring down all Japan's available ships, to guard the Formosa Channel. The Japanese communications were hence to be attacked.

Of course, this bold plan would require that Japan should not be at first awake to what is going on, and this leakage of information will probably render the scheme abortive, or at least more difficult.

POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, 7th December.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (First Police Magistrate).

ROBBING A FRIEND.
F. Fryman, a German, recently went to Canton to join the Customs, and while there fell ill, and had to go into hospital. Before going into hospital he gave his goods and chattels into the charge of a comrade for safe keeping. His friend, Emil Eskins, after seeing him under the doctors' care, called at the comrade's and asked for the box. This he brought on to Hongkong, and was disposing of the contents, when he was arrested for being in unlawful possession thereof. The contents of the box were valued at £100. The Magistrate said the defendant had committed a hard-hearted act. He would be sentenced to three months' imprisonment without the option.

Edward Lapout was charged with receiving stolen goods from the before mentioned defendant. He admitted receiving the articles, but said he was unaware they were stolen. He was discharged.

ALLEGED THEFT OF \$25,000.
Mr. R. D. Vania again appeared before the Court, and furnished his Worship with further information in support of the summons he applied for on the 5th inst. The Magistrate said he would go through the information, and if he found therein material for a summons, it would be granted.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (Second Police Magistrate).

LARCENY.
Two small boys were arrested for stealing badges from the Sherwoods at Mount Austin Barracks. They were each sentenced to twelve strokes of the birch.

A marine hawk, for receiving this stolen property, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

THE MATAKOK ARMED ROBBERS.
The hearing of this case continued. Indian P. C. No. 147 gave evidence as to the arrest of the first defendant and Chinese P. C. No. 339 as to the arrest of the Chinese P. C. No. 339 at 146, Queen's Road East. Sergeant O'Sullivan gave evidence as to the wounds received by the four witnesses who had reported the affair to him. The case was remanded.

THE SHERWOODS' DEPARTURE

The Sherwood Foresters left for Singapore yesterday by the transport *Avoca*. The detachment which had been stationed here was paraded at headquarters shortly after one o'clock. The men looked very smart in red tunics with white facings, blue trousers with the red stripe down the side, and khaki helmets with a green stripe, while the officers wore the full blue uniforms. His Excellency Major General Villiers Hutton inspected them shortly after two o'clock immediately previous to their embarkation.

R.E. BAIL.

The officers of the Royal Engineers gave a very enjoyable ball at the City Hall last evening. About two hundred were present. St. Andrew's and St. George's Halls were used for dancing. Included among those present were His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., and Capt. Smith, A.D.C.; His Excellency Major General Villiers Hutton, C.B., Mrs. Hutton, and Capt. Ward, A.D.C.; Admiral Sir Gerard Noel, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.; Col. Mosse, and Col. Ironmonger.

The arrangements were all conducted by the officers of the Royal Engineers, who were also responsible for the decorations. The staircase was tastefully laid out with palms, lanterns, and bunting, special features being two mines at the foot and two figures dressed up in diving suits, and holding trays of dance programmes, at the top. There were also four little brass howitzers on the landing. The halls were nicely decorated with flags and shields kindly lent by the St. Andrew's Committee. There were ten waltzes on the programme. An excellent supper was provided. Dancing was kept up till about half past one in the morning.

C.O.D.

An innovation in the English postal system is likely to be shortly introduced which will be first carried out experimentally with the Colonies. At present the subject becomes of sufficient local interest to warrant a word or two on the subject. Lord Stanley, the Postmaster-General, has informed a deputation that he hopes "to put some sort of method into operation which would help as far as possible the exchange of commodities such as could be carried by the post between Great Britain and the various Colonies." This is what is known as the "Cash on Delivery system." That is to say, you may send me an order for goods which may be sent through the post, and the Post Office collects the money on delivery of the parcel. There has been an agitation in England for the adoption of the "C.O.D." system, but there has also been a good deal of opposition manifested on the part of the retail traders. The Postmaster-General, while announcing that he does not intend at present to put the "C.O.D." system into effect in England, has expressed an inclination to try it for the Colonies "to prevent, unless we step in and stop it, a great part of our trade going to foreign countries." Lord Stanley is a believer in the system, and thinks it will be an advantage to the country as a whole. In his opinion his views are borne out by foreign statistics, and he feels certain that Great Britain will have it sooner or later.

HAMBURG.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

"NERVOUSNESS AND VIOLENCE."

Hamburg, 1st November.

The principal topic of conversation during the last few days, on "Change and elsewhere," has been the attack of part of the Russian Baltic fleet on British fishing boats off the Dogger Bank. The news was received here on Monday, the 24th ult., and caused general consternation; was it possible such a thing could have happened, people asked one another, and the inevitable reply was "Nervousness and Violence." The Press all over the country was unanimous in its condemnation of the outrage, even the most Russophil papers being obliged to admit that unless good cause could be shown, it could only be accounted for by sudden mental aberration. The demand for full and prompt reparation on the part of the British Government, and the energetic measures adopted to enforce it if necessary, were applauded by nearly everybody, and the Russian admiral's version of the affair recently published has made no change in this, as it meets with little credence and is freely ridiculed. Only a few papers known for their Russian proclivities express full belief in the statement, and now endeavour to cast the entire blame for the occurrence on to the British Government, for not having taken precautionary steps and warned the fishing fleet in proper time, and on the latter for burning coloured lights and for failing to obey the signals alleged to have been made to them by the men-of-war. The absurdity of this will no doubt be shown by the inquiry about to be instituted by a mixed commission at Vigo. That the two Governments should have agreed to leave the matter to the decision of an international court of experts in accordance with the rules of the Hague Convention has produced a general feeling of relief, for the situation at one moment looked most critical, and that the happy solution should have been arrived at so quickly is attributed to both King Edward and the Tsar. Let us hope that no fresh complications may arise, and that by the time this reaches you the painful incident may have been closed.

RUSSIAN TRADE.

The *Textil Zeitung* has lately had a second article on the drawbacks now granted in Russia on textile goods for export. It states that further inquiries have proved the correctness of the supposition, that although ostensibly a return of a portion of the duty paid on an article previously imported and now entered for re-exportation, they are in reality an export premium, being allowed on all cotton goods shipped abroad, whether spun of Asiatic or foreign cotton; they would appear to be sufficiently high for the manufacturers of Lodz, the centre of the trade in Poland, to cherish the hope of eventually being able to compete successfully even in the English markets.

The Russian cotton industry comprises 63 million spindles and 154,577 looms, the annual consumption amounting to 168,000 tons of foreign cotton (viz. 125,000 tons American, 3,000 tons Egyptian, 2,600 tons East Indian, and 10,000 tons Persian), and 94,700 tons from Central Asia and Transcaucasia. The largest millowner in Lodz employs his own buyers in Central Asia, where he has erected gins and presses for the cleaning and baling of the raw material, whilst other firms who are not in a position to have their own representatives are contemplating the establishment of joint buying agencies in all parts of the empire where cotton is being cultivated. Lodz receives a greater proportion of the home grown fibre than the other Russian mills: the figures are stated to have been in 1903 1,516 wagon loads of Asiatic and 1,384 of foreign growth, from which it may be inferred how great the advantage is the Polish manufacturers derive from the so-called drawbacks. It may be urged in defence of an indiscriminate payment of the bounty, that it is not only intended as a return of the duty paid on imported cotton, but also as a partial repayment of that on the imported machinery; but since spinning and weaving plants are now largely made in the country itself this only holds good to a limited extent. It will be interesting to watch the steps other countries will take in defence of their own industries; the favourite remedy so far has been the imposition of additional import duties on goods enjoying the advantage of export premiums at home.

THE HIBERNIA COLLIERY CO.

Another general meeting of the Hibernia Colliery Company was held in Düsseldorf on the 22nd ult. In consequence of the recent issue of fresh shares the capital now amounts to M. 60,000,000, of which 52,696,000 were represented. The Dresden Bank figuring for M. 27,430,800. The offer for the purchase of the property on behalf of the Prussian Government was again refused, the Dresden Bank alone voting in favour of it, lodging at the same time a protest against the right of the owners of the new shares to vote.

A motion for an increase in the number of the board of directors of which the Bank had given notice was withdrawn by her, pending the final decision of the courts as to the legality of the first meeting.

A third resolution aiming at the annulment of the recent issue of shares was lost, it being pointed out that, even had the meeting been inclined to pass it, which was not the case, it could only have been carried out by reducing the face value of all the shares, as the issue having once been registered, it could no longer be cancelled. This terminated the business.

FIRST COLONIAL BANK.

The first colonial bank, the German West-African, has been opened in Berlin under the auspices of the Dresden Bank. The German Asiatic is not a colonial bank in the true sense

of the word, as it was established at a time when Germany owned no territory in the East, and has ever since acted more or less as a branch of the Deutsche Bank.

NOVELS AND MILITARY CRITICISMS.

A military novel, "First Class Men" (*Erste Klasse Menschen*), by Count Baudissin, which appeared shortly after the trial of Lieutenant Bilse, has led to an action for libel on the part of the Minister of War against both the author and the publisher. The case was tried some ten days ago, when the Court declared in his defence, most emphatically that he had had no intention of maligning the army, to which he had formerly belonged, and which, as a retired officer, he still held in high esteem and affection; nor had he meant to single out the Fusilier Guards, commonly known in Berlin as the "Makker" (cockshafers, or, as the Americans say, Maybugs) for special censure, by calling the regiment to which officers in his story belong the "Butterflies." Knowing, as he did from his military career, the danger, to themselves and others, of officers, notably those of the Guards and other crack regiments, looking upon themselves as a higher class of men than their fellow-citizens—hence the title—he had felt it his duty to point this out to them and to warn the public in their common interest not to encourage such presumption. The idea of making money by pandering to the taste for a my scandalous aroused by the publication of Lieutenant Bilse's book, with which the public prosecution reproached him, had never entered his mind; his previous writings, he thought, bore sufficient evidence to the purity of his intentions. The court, whilst prepared to admit the absence of mercenary motives, held that the novel was full of gross exaggerations reflecting on the honour of the army and its officers, and that the language and tone of it exceeded that of fair criticism. Count Baudissin was consequently fined M. 300, and his publisher M. 200, the type of the book being ordered to be broken up and all procurable copies to be destroyed.

A TRIBUTE TO KUROPATKIN.

"A POWERFUL AND HARMONIOUS CHARACTER."

An elaborate appreciation of General Kuropatkin appears in the *Times* from the pen of Dr. Sven Hedin, the distinguished geographer, who says:—

"Amongst the memories of my nine years' wanderings in Asia which I treasure most, and most of the least valuable are the hours I have spent in General Kuropatkin's company. And of all the distinguished men I have met, between St. Petersburg and Peking, and between Iktutsk and Haidarabad, there is only one who has left upon me the same deep and abiding impression—namely, Lord Curzon. It is in the minds of these two men that the destinies of Asia have during the last few years in great part rested. Even though these two typical representatives of two great peoples are, by reason of their national characteristics, very different from one another, on the other hand, as both possessing some of the best and noblest human qualities, they are in several respects like one another, and have many points in common."

After an interesting account of various meetings with the General in St. Petersburg, at Askaniya (in Transcaucasia), in Samarkand, and at his residence in Finland, Dr. Sven Hedin concludes with the following tribute:—

"Everybody who has been brought into personal contact with General Kuropatkin must acknowledge that it would be difficult to meet with a more amiable and attractive personality. What most impressed me about the powerful yet harmonious nature of the man is the air of untroubled calm and serenity, which sits upon his features. His face bears the unmistakable stamp of goodness, consideration, and self-control. I am convinced that even amid the thunder of the cannon and the roar of the machine gun he would remain absolutely unshaken in his calm and his self-control. He is a man of the highest moral and intellectual calibre, and his influence upon the Russian people is incalculable. He is a man of the highest moral and intellectual calibre, and his influence upon the Russian people is incalculable. He is a man of the highest moral and intellectual calibre, and his influence upon the Russian people is incalculable."

JAPANESE IN COREA.

We regret to notice of late, says a contemporary, in a letter from Corea, more and more lawlessness on the part of the Japanese. The morning paper of to-day tells of two cases where Corean labourers were set upon and killed by Japanese savages. One in Kyongju country near Seoul, and one to the west of P'yong-an. A week or two ago a Mr. Engel, an Australian missionary of Fusan, was seriously injured and yesterday a foreign physician in Seoul was attacked on his own ground by Japanese trespassers. One does not take care of themselves, but the helplessness of Coreans, who are exposed to the fury of every bad-tempered navy or railway coolie, are greatly to be pitied. If the Japanese authorities would publicly stop or hang every Japanese who beats a Corean to death, there would soon be an end to the lawlessness; but there seems to be a weakness on the part of the Government, in dealing with their own people, that looks ominous for the future. It is too early yet to judge; we shall wait to see, trusting most earnestly that Japan may prove herself worthy of the great task that has been thrust upon her by the events of the last few months. Already there are murmurings heard on all sides against her injustice, and some of us who are sincere friends of Japan regret to see it.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The O. & O. steamer *Doric*, with mails, &c., leaves Manila for this port on Friday, the 9th Dec. at 4 p.m., and is due here on Sunday, the 11th Dec. at noon.

The steamer *Arcticon* from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port yesterday morning. The steamer *Tazan* left Moji on the 6th Dec. at 1 p.m., and may be expected here on the 11th Dec.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Hector* left Singapore on the 6th inst. at daylight, and may be expected here on the 12th inst. at daylight.

CHINESE PARIAHS.

The following interesting explanation of a recent Chinese Decree emancipating the "Dobee" of Chikiang, was written by the native news editor of the *N.-C. Daily News*:—"The 'To-ming,' which in the letters of the decree means 'degraded people,' but which are ordinarily written with a different meaning, that is to say, the 'exiled people,' are descendants of the Mongols who came to China in the 13th century with Genghiz Khan, the famous Mongol conqueror of a large part of the two continents of Europe and Asia. After Genghiz Khan (whose dynasty is called in Chinese history the Chin, or 'Gold' dynasty) had conquered about half of the then Chinese Empire, southwards, down to the northern banks of the Yangtze, driving the Emperor Kao Tsung of the Sung dynasty to the south of the river, he (Genghiz Khan) left the south of the river to his principal son, the Prince of Ching, who was to complete the conquest of the latter part of the Chinese Empire, and who was to drive the Emperor of the Ming dynasty (the predecessor of the present Manchus) Chu Tzu-te, a known official as the Emperor Hung Wu, a general crusade was made by the exiled Chinese against the Mongols who were captured in war by the Mongols and Canton and there made to suffer all sorts of degradations, in revenge for the cruelties their fathers had made to the Chinese. A Mongol exile, or 'To-ming,' colloquially called 'Dobee,' was treated like a very slave. He was not allowed to go to school nor to become an official. He could only be a barber, chiropodist, laundryman, or servant of the lowest class, while his women-folk had to be female handmaids (for Chinese ladies), waitresses upon brides at weddings, washer-women, and do similar manual work. In Canton these exiled Mongols were treated with the same cruelty; for years there was no law for them, there was neither justice nor redress for such slaves. Only the most degraded, in Chinese estimation, mental work was for such exiles, while in Canton they were compelled to keep themselves in boats—hence their designation 'Ting-ching' (Canton colloquial, Tang ka) or boat population, none of whom was permitted to leave land or own a foot of it with the single exception of six feet of burial ground. In the first years of the Ming dynasty, the conquerors of the Mongols, these 'boat people' were not allowed even to be buried on land; their corpses were either cast into the river or cremated."

AN EPISODE OF THE SHA HO BATTLE.

Mr. Nemirovich Danchenko, a Russian war correspondent, telegraphs a description of the capture of Lone Tree Hill, which fell in the hands of the Japanese during a night attack. He says:—

"General Kuropatkin, the following day, ordered the hill to be retaken, and the whole Russian artillery concentrated at 5 in the morning and shelled the hill with projectiles the awful spectacle lasting the entire day. It seemed that no human being could outlive such an ordeal, yet the defenders remained manfully at their posts."

"The sun was already declining when Kuropatkin gave the orders to storm. Six regiments advanced, forcing the river in the face of a murderous fire. The enemy determined to make us pay dearly for it. He poured a hail of gun and rifle fire on our advancing columns, but nothing could stop them. They reached the other side, clambered up, and at 11 o'clock at night, the position was again in our hands. I have just visited the scene of our triumph. The trenches are filled with dead Japanese and Russians clutched in a death embrace."

"I saw no such ghastly sight at Shikpa or at Plevna. The credit for the achievements belongs chiefly to the Thirty-sixth and Nineteenth Divisions. Four other regiments participated. The Thirty-sixth attacked from the East and the Nineteenth from the West. Gen. Potiloff, leading the brigade and personally directing the attack, was the first to reach the summit, and was in the thick of the fiercest fighting around the Japanese guns. The Japanese gunners died at their guns. Kuropatkin personally thanked the heroes for their gallant exploit. The captured guns were brought to Moukden."

"The general staff believes that the storming of Lone Tree Hill, for valour and slaughter, will occupy a place by itself in military annals. Kuropatkin, under whose eye the assault was made, is called 'Potiloff' Hill, in honour of the man who led the attack at the head of the Second Division, and who was subsequently decorated on the field with the St. George's Cross."

"The hill is a precipitous rocky height, and, although the Japanese had occupied it only a short time, they had thrown up very strong defences. The river running at its foot increased the difficulty of the task, but it was scaled and carried successfully against the unprecedented opposition of a Japanese division, 14,000 men, with many guns. The Russian losses were terrible. The fighting on the crest of the hill was altogether with cold steel. The Russian officers, with swords aloft, leading the scaling column, were literally lifted in the air by the Japanese bayonets, and the Japanese then bayoneted the first of the Russian soldiers who piled in the trenches. All the dead in the trenches were bayoneted, their weapons bearing marks of the dreadful combat."—*China Review*.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 7th at 11.45 a.m. The barometer has risen in northern Japan and fallen at all other stations.

The monsoon is still interrupted and light variable winds will be met with in the Formosa Channel.

Light E. to N.E. winds will prevail in the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Light E. to N.E. winds, cloudy, fair.

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Hongkong, 28th November, 1904.

JAPAN'S FINANCIAL SCHEME.

The financial scheme for next year, particulars of which have just been published by the Government, is, as might be expected, attracting considerable attention in political circles.

The *Jiji* says the special War Fund required for next year is estimated at ¥776,000,000, including ¥76,000,000 to be set aside as a reserve. The resources for this are a surplus of ¥123,000,000 in general revenue; ¥8,000,000 to be drawn from the working fund of Government undertakings; ¥75,000,000 to be raised by the increase in taxation; while the balance of ¥570,000,000 is to be obtained by the issue of bonds and the raising of temporary loans. When the administrative expenditure for next year is added to the War Fund, the total expenditure will exceed ¥900,000,000.

At first sight, says the *Jiji* journal in comment, this amount appears enormous, but in view of the present development of the resources of the Empire the nation can well afford to bear such a burden, both in taxation and in subscription to bonds. The actual receipts from the war taxes raised this year are, with one or two exceptions, said to be very satisfactory. There is little doubt that financially the Empire is strong enough to continue the war for several years to come. The Government need not hesitate to exercise its discretion in the framing of any financial scheme on the pretext that the nation is not rich enough to bear the heavy burden without difficulty. But now that the Government has published its financial scheme for next year, giving sufficient time to the members of the Diet to fully study the proposals, the representatives of the people must fully examine it and protect the people from having to pay additional taxes that are not necessary.

In the first place, the *Jiji* suggests, the Diet, acting on the experience of the past few months, which has given ample opportunity for judging the funds required, should consider in detail whether the estimate is reasonable and for what purposes such a sum is needed. In the second place, the Diet should consider whether there are no means by which administrative expenditure may be still further curtailed. It is pointed out that the Government proposes to curtail the administrative expenditure by ¥72,175,000, the amount to be added to the War Fund; but this curtailment chiefly represents money saved by the postponement of various works proposed or now in hand, and by the suspension among other things of the payment of the Steam Navigation Encouragement Bounty. The amount saved by curtailing actual administrative expenditure is only about ¥34,000,000. At the present critical time the Government ought to carry out administrative reforms with great determination, and economise national expenditure under this head.

The *Jiji* journal goes on to urge that while there can be no objection made to the increase of taxation, as such a measure is necessary at present to meet the demands made upon the financial resources of the country, yet at the same time it is necessary to exercise discretion in levying the new burdens. There is evidence, says the *Jiji*, that taxes are being imposed injudiciously. The monopoly of salt by the Government, the taxes on patent medicines and piece-goods, and the transit duty all tend to increase the burdens of the poorer classes, while the collection of such taxes imposes considerable work on the authorities. The income from these sources, too, is not reliable, while the taxes tend to kill productive industry. The question should be carefully considered whether it is necessary to raise ¥75,000,000 next year by means of taxation, and, if so, whether the amount cannot be raised without having recourse to the objectionable taxes mentioned. In conclusion, the *Jiji* urges the Diet to correct the blunders made by the Government in its selection of sources of new taxation, and protect the people from bearing unnecessary burdens.

MANCHU AND CHINESE.

Mr. G. M. H. Playfair of Foochow writes in the *N.-C. Daily News*:

It is no doubt within the recollection of many that Li Hung Chang was, during his own lifetime, the object of a similar breach of conventionality. To that which recently appointed Li Hung Chang's grandson (Grand Chamberlain) On the death of his mother, instead of being required to relinquish office, and retire into mourning for 27 months, as would have been the case with every other Chinese functionary, he was ordered to retain his various offices and to mourn for one month only, as if he were a Manchu. In this case, however, the device was merely intended to meet an emergency, and there was no intention that it should form a precedent.

The appointment of his grandson to be Grand Chamberlain must be assigned to a different category; it is a concrete instance of a reform which was introduced some time ago by the Dowager Empress and of which no great notice seems to have been taken. This was the abolition of the hard-and-fast line of demarcation which had existed between Manchus and Chinese ever since the establishment of this dynasty; it is now allowed, intermarriage was forbidden; it is now allowed. Many official positions which formerly were conferred on Manchus alone, are now open to Chinese also. This was strikingly exemplified when the Customs Tsohai at Tientsin, Tang Shao-yi, was named for a special mission to Tibet. In the first place no mission to Tibet had ever been confided to a Chinese before; in the second place, along with his commission, Tang received the rank of Fu Ta-tung (Deputy Lieutenant-General), a rank peculiar to the Manchu army. I had fancied that Tang's was the first instance of such a bestowal of a Manchu military rank, but I have been told by the Foochow officials that a Chinese holding the same has been recently sent to duty at Tientsin.

Several superstitious posts have of late been abolished in the provinces; Grain Intendencies for the most part. It is rumoured that the continued existence of the Hoppo at Canton is threatened; also that there are to be no more Governors in such provinces as have already a Viceroy. All this seems to signify that the Empress Dowager is inclined to inaugurate the very reforms on account of which Kang-Hsi was deposed in 1893. Indeed she seems wishful to "go one better."

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Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1904. [2856]

VICTORIA REGATTA.

THE HONGKONG BOAT CLUB LAUNCH will leave Queen's Statue Wharf at 1 and 3 o'clock on the 8th, 9th and 10th inst., for the convenience of members and their friends.

E. W. CARPENTER,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1904. [2857]
THE DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.

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ON the 13th inst. we will kill a few selected animals in prime condition. Orders (from our Customers only) must be sent in at the very latest by 5 P.M. on MONDAY, the 12th inst. The Beef will be ready for delivery to Messengers at our Town Depot, Wyndham Street, between 6.30 A.M. and 1 P.M. on the 15th inst.

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Soup Meat	...	12 cts. per lb.
Soup Bone	...	10 cts. per lb.
Suet	...	20 cts. per lb.

Note:—To prevent disappointment, we would advise Customers to include a substitute order in case they are too late for the part originally ordered.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1904. [2858]

TO CLOSE ACCOUNTS.

In the Estate of J. H. BROOKE, Deceased.

JNO. W. HALL has received instructions from the Executors to sell by Public Auction at the Sale Rooms, No. 81, Main Street, Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 27th December, 1904, at 2 P.M., as a going concern "THE JAPAN HERALD," the leading evening and oldest newspaper in Japan, with all the plant, presses, type, office furniture, &c., &c.
For Further Particulars, apply to THE AUCTIONEER.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1904. [2859]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, the 13th and 14th December, 1904, at 10 A.M., each day, at H. M. NAVAL YARD, SUNDAY NAVAL VICTUALLING, OBSOLETE AND CONDEMNED STORES,

Comprising—
BOAT'S ENGINE, ELECTRIC CABLE, MACHINES SHAPING, PLANING AND DRILLING, LATHE, BRASS, COPPER, IRON, PAPERSTUFF, CANVAS, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, IMPLEMENTS, &c.
Catalogues will be issued.
Terms of Sale:—As Customary.
HUGHES & HUGH,
Government Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1904. [2860]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "MOYUNE," are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Crates and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., where in both cases it will be at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Crates or Godown on and after the 8th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 13th inst. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 16th inst., or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance has been effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1904. [10-11]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "KUMSANG," having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 9th inst., will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense into Godowns at EAST POINT.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1904. [1938]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship "YAWATA MARU," Captain A. E. Moses, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., at NOON.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA,

Manager.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1904. [2861]
FOR MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID.

THE Bucknall Line Steamship

"MANICA."

Captain Leslie, will be despatched for the above ports on MONDAY, the 19th inst., at DAY-LIGHT.

For Freight, apply to A. S. MIHARA, Agent.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1904. [2862]

WANTED.

A TRAINED MASTER for Saiyapin Government School. Salary \$270 rising to \$330 p.a. Applications should be made to the Inspector of Schools, Hongkong, 5th December, 1904. [2818]

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Care of Daily Press Office.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904. [2863]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned DAVID MEYER NISSIM, of 12, Leadenhall Street, London, hereby give notice that I have assumed the family surname of NISSIM in place of the surname of MOSES formerly borne by me, and have executed a Deed for that purpose, which Deed is enrolled in the Central Office of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England.
D. M. NISSIM.
Dated this First day of November, 1904. [2817]

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 1 P.M. TO-DAY (THURSDAY) and TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 8th and 9th inst. respectively.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [2830]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 1 P.M. TO-DAY (THURSDAY), and TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 8th and 9th inst. respectively.
By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1904. [2847]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs to inform the Public of Hongkong that PENSION FRANCAISE, 49, Pottinger Street, is now opened and she respectfully solicits them to give a trial of her Cuisine, which will be under her personal supervision.
Terms Moderate. MADAME GUIOU.
Hongkong, 26th November, 1904. [2760]

NOTICE.

THE power of attorney granted to Mr. WALTER GEORGE BENNETT to sign the name of our firm per procreation has this day been cancelled.

HOLME, RINGER & CO.

Nagasaki, 30th November, 1904. [2844]

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H. WEISMANN, Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904. [2894]

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ENTERTAINMENTS

VICTORIA REGATTA.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, THE 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH DECEMBER, 1904.

THE COMMITTEE of the VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB request the pleasure of the Company of the Ladies of Hongkong TO-DAY (THURSDAY) and TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 8th and 9th December, at 1.30 P.M. and on SATURDAY, the 10th December, at 1 P.M. on board the Flagship "KWONG TUNG" and "KWONG CHOW."

The Ladies' Prize will be presented by Miss Barnes Lawrence immediately after the race on SATURDAY, the 10th inst., at 4 P.M. Mr. VILLIERS HATTON has kindly consented to present the prizes at the conclusion of the Regatta on SATURDAY, the 10th inst., through the Courtesy of Mr. DIXON, the Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., a Launch will leave Blake Pier on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, at 1 P.M. and on SATURDAY, at 12.30 P.M., to convey victors on board the Flagship, and will make a second trip on each day at 2 P.M. It will leave the Flagship 10 minutes after the last race on each day.

By kind permission of Lt.-Col. W. S. BIRD-WOOD and Officers, the Band of the 110th Mahratta Light Infantry will perform each day. The Secretary's Launch will leave Blake Pier each day at 12.30 P.M. sharp to convey rowing members to the Flagship.

Admission to the Flagship (Gentlemen) \$1.00 each day.

Tickets for Admission may be obtained from the undersigned or on board.

HAROLD C. AUSTEN, Hon. Secretary, V.R.C. [2834]
Hongkong, 6th December, 1904.

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Large Trans quarter-of-an-hour after fall of Curtain.

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A CHAPMAN, Business Manager. [2812]
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1904.

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1904. [2824]

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By the Band of H.I.G.M.S. FÜRST BISMARCK.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12th.

Booking at The ROBINSON PIANO CO. [2811]

HONGKONG GUN CLUB.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP for 1904 will be SHOT OFF on SATURDAY, 10th December, at 3 P.M.

Ladies are cordially invited to be present. G. C. MOXON, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1904. [2820]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned will REMOVE to their New Premises, Nos. 57, 58 and 59, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, on the 15th inst.

KWONG SANG & CO. Shipchandlers, &c. Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [2831]

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has This Day REMOVED his OFFICES to No. 4, ICE HOUSE STREET.

OSWALD D. THOMSON, Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904. [2800]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, 31, George's Building, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, 14th day of December, 1904, at 11 A.M., when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 26th November, 1904, will be submitted for confirmation as special Resolutions.

1. That the Capital of the Company be increased from \$1,000,000 (divided into 100,000 shares of \$10 each to \$1,500,000 (divided into 150,000 shares of \$10 each) by the creation of 50,000 new shares of \$10 each to be offered and if accepted to be allotted to the persons constituting the Shareholders of the Company according to the Company's Register of Shareholders on the 25th day of February, 1905, at a premium of \$10 for each and every single share of such 50,000 new shares in the ratio and proportion of one New Share for every Two Old Shares in the Company held by the respective shareholders thereof, the amount payable on each of such New Shares respectively (including the said premium of \$10 per share) to be paid as to one equal half part thereof on the 31st day of March, 1905, and as to the remainder thereof (including the balance of the said premium) on the 30th June, 1905.

And that failing such allotment as aforesaid the said new shares be disposed of by the General Managers in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

And that for the purpose of facilitating the carrying into effect of the above Resolution the Transfer and other Books of the Company be closed for the space of seven days as on and from the 1st day of March, 1905.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1904.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ISSUE OF 30,000 NEW SHARES OF \$10 EACH.

SHARE CERTIFICATES will be ready for delivery on and after the 20th inst., and may be obtained on application at the Company's Offices, Alexandra Buildings, in exchange for Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation's receipt.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1904. [2475]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on account of the Year 1904 of Fifty cents per Share on the Shares numbered 1-60,000 inclusive will be Payable at Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Hongkong, on and after FRIDAY, 25th November, 1904, on Warrants to be obtained at the Company's Offices.

The Dividend will also be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Shanghai, on presentation of Warrants there, on and after the same date.

The period of Shares will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 19th inst., until SATURDAY, the 26th inst. both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares will be effected.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1904. [2678]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Call of \$7.50 per Share has been made in respect of all Shares not fully paid up, and that such call is Payable on 2nd January, 1905, at the Registered Offices of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road, Hongkong.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1904. [2573]

STOCKBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

DECEMBER SETTLEMENT.

THIS Month's Settlements will commence on THURSDAY, the 29th inst.

By Order of the Committee, E. S. JOSEPH, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1904. [2813]

CLUB GERMANIA.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Club Germania will be held in the CLUB HOUSE, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), the 9th December, 1904, at 5.30 P.M.

By Order, G. FRIESLAND, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [2846]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 8th DECEMBER, 1904, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road, FANCY GOODS, TOYS, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, PIPES, CIGARETTE HOLDERS, RAZORS, IRON CUTLERS, STROPS, &c., &c.

An Assortment of XMAS CAKES and SWEETS.

SUNDAY BOOKS IN LOTS, FURNITURE, SHOW CASES, BARBERS' CHAIRS, MIRRORS, DESKS, &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary. V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [2836]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th DECEMBER, 1904, at NOON, on the Spot, SUNDAY MATERIALS: GODOWNS

No. 25 and PART of No. 26. Situate on K. M. L. 9, Kowloon (the Property of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.), to be sold in One Lot.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to—

GEO. P. DAMMEET, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 7th December, 1904. [2849]

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J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 22nd August, 1904. [19]

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Hongkong, 8th August, 1904. [1177]

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Hongkong, 8th June, 1904. [2782]

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1904. [2819]

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C. H. GRACE,
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Hongkong, 4th June, 1904. [1417]

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Hongkong, 28th March, 1904. [8]

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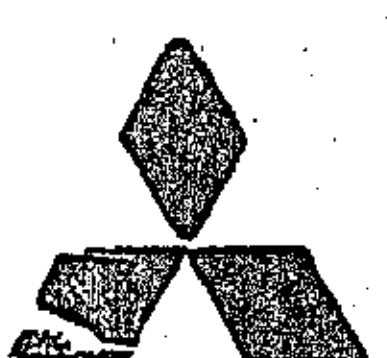
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Hongkong 28th November, 1902. [245]

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Hongkong, 18th November, 1901. [75]

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

ELECTRIC DISCHARGE PRINTS—INSECT ELECTROUTION—OXYGEN PRESERVATION OF MILK—THE SUN'S RADIATION—THE AIR OF PARIS—PULL ON VARIOUS ROADS—A TREE-NEDDING LAND—WEIGHT OF SOLID GASES—AUSTRALIA'S BURIED LAKES.

Under the discharge of a high-tension electric current, a glass plate remains apparently unchanged, but on breathing upon it characteristic discharge figures appear. These figures however disappear when the glass is cleaned. The magic prints are made permanent by Hans Aximann, a German physicist, by using an induction apparatus giving sparks of about 20 inches, and connecting one pole with the edge of the glass plate and the other pole with a soft metal electrode of suitable shape held upon the glass by slight pressure. The experimenter has kept for ten years plates on which, in spite of all cleaning, the discharge figures stand out clear and distinct whenever the breath condenses upon the glass.

A novel apparatus for destroying insects and larvae upon the ground has been presented to the Odessa Technical Society by M. Lukuzewski. A horse or motor wagon carries a small dynamo, which is geared to the axle, and is connected with an induction coil with a Wehnelt interrupter. The negative pole of the coil is connected with the iron framework to the earth, while the positive pole at high tension charges a series of metallic brooms behind and under the wagon. These brooms, movable vertically, emit a large shower of sparks, and any insects within range are killed.

Oxygenated water at twelve volumes is pronounced by M. A. Baurd the best preservative of milk. Added directly after milking in the proportion of two to three per cent, it decomposes in six or eight hours into water and oxygen, leaving no foreign substance as change of color or salicylic acid and effecting no change like boiling or freezing. The antiseptic action persists long enough to prevent alteration.

Diminution of glaciers within a half-century has been noted in Spitzbergen, Iceland, Central Asia, the Rockies, and Alaska.

Long experiment resulted a quarter of a century ago in the evolution of Stefan's "fourth power law," which suggests that the energy emitted from a fully radiating surface—a surface that is black when cold—is proportional to the fourth power of the temperature, reckoned from the absolute zero 273 deg. below freezing point on the Centigrade scale. This law, states Prof. J. H. Poynting, has served as the starting point of new and most fertile researches, both theoretical and practical. Among the results is the calculation that the sun's temperature is 6,000 deg.; and that a small black sphere—one square centimetre in cross section—would be heated by solar radiation to 1,200 deg. at 33 million miles, 327 deg. at 23 million miles, 210 deg. at the distance of Mercury, 85 deg. at the distance of Venus, 27 deg. at the distance of the Earth, 30 deg. below zero at the distance of Mars, and 219 deg. below zero at the distance of Neptune. The Earth's average temperature agrees closely with the calculation. On reducing the size of the object receiving the radiation, the receiving surface is increased while gravitation remains the same, and if the Earth were broken into spheres about 1/100,000 of an inch in diameter, the particles would be neither attracted nor repelled by the sun. Made still smaller, they would be repelled, like the matter of comets' tails.

The proportion of carbonic acid gas is no longer accepted as a gauge of the atmosphere's wholesomeness. The air of Paris is regularly analyzed, and the analyst states that there are 39 litres of carbonic acid per 100 cubic metres of air in the sewers, 54 to 102 litres in the stations of the underground railway, 171 to 189 in the carriages of this railway, 70 litres in the Senate, 150 in the board schools, and 84 to 221 in the Palace of Justice.

The tractive resistance on railroads is stated by Max Schiemann to be 9 to 18 pounds per ton, on tramways 26 to 33 pounds, on good stone pavement from 44 to 55 pounds, on bad stone pavement from 66 to 78 pounds, on good macadam from 44 to 67 pounds, on bad macadam from 77 to 100 pounds, and on sand roads from 130 to 220 pounds.

Iceland seems to be hardly as destitute of trees as some suppose, an old idea being that it possesses but a single tree. An investigation by Prof. C. V. Prytz of Copenhagen shows that the island really contains woods having various trees of considerable size, and that the climate is not unfavourable to tree growth, as there is evidence that it was once much more heavily wooded than now. Reckless destruction of the forests is the cause assigned for the decline. Prof. Prytz believes reforestation to be feasible, with care in the selection of trees and places of planting, and suggests planting around enclosed meadows and on mountain-sides. An attempt has been made already to grow Denmark fir pines at Hallorms taden. Birches

spring up naturally, and where they are protected by deep snows in winter it is believed sheep will not trouble them, as these animals seem to eat birches only when grass is not to be had.

The density of several frozen gases has been measured by Sir James Dewar at temperatures between 13 and 14 Centigrade degrees above absolute zero. He finds that the specific gravity of solid oxygen is 1.452; solid nitrogen, 1.026; and solid hydrogen, 0.076. A curious fact is that if the elements oxygen and hydrogen occupied in water the space they do in the solid state, a given weight of water would have a volume nearly twice as great as it actually does have.

Several rivers of Australia's interior sink into the earth and are lost. A recent discovery in the district of Eucla shows that they form subterranean lakes 25 or 30 feet below the surface, and these lakes, if they prove to contain sufficient potable water, are expected to lead to the development of new territories in the arid region in which they occur.

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [105]

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Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [297]

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ARRIVALS.
 DOTT, Norwegian str., 630, Gionre, 7th Dec.,
 —Newchwang 29th Nov., Benau, Chinese.
 HAITAN, British str., 1,183, Roach, 7th Dec.,
 —Focchow 4th Dec., Amoy 5th and
 Swatow 6th, General.—Douglas, Lapraik
 & Co.
 JUNO, American str., 710, Sala, 7th Dec.,
 —Manila 4th Dec.
 KUMSANG, British str., 2,977, E. J. Buller, 7th
 Dec., —Calcutta and Singapore 29th
 November, General.—Jardine, Matheson
 & Co.
 KWANGLO, Chinese str., 1,500, R. Lincoln,
 7th Dec., —Shanghai 4th Dec., General.
 Chinese.
 KWEIYANG, British str., 1,062, J. Mathrel, 6th
 Dec., —Newchwang via Chefoo 1st
 Dec., —Buenos Aires, —Butterfield & Swire.
 KWANGSANG, British str., 1,428, P. M. R. Lake,
 7th Dec., —Shanghai 4th Dec., General.—
 Jardine, Matheson & Co.
 LENOX, British str., 2,361, F. McNair, 7th
 Dec., —Moji 1st Dec., —Coal.—Doddwell
 & Co.
 MCKIN, Chinese str., 1,321, J. Whitlaw, 7th
 Dec., —Canton 6th Dec., General.—
 Chinese.
 M. STRUVE, German str., 963, P. Brandt, 7th
 Dec., —Tamsui 4th Dec., Amoy 5th
 and Swatow 6th, General.—Osaka Shosen
 Kaisha.
 SAINT LUGO, British str., 2,290, J. P. Stahl,
 7th Dec., —Amoy 5th Dec., General.—
 Doddwell & Co.
 TAMSUI, British str., 919, Bright, 7th Dec.,
 —Newchwang 28th Nov., and Chefoo 1st
 Dec., General.—Butterfield & Swire.
 TREMACUS, British str., 4,802, J. H. Good-
 win, 7th Dec., —America via Ports
 and Shanghai 4th Dec., General.—
 Butterfield & Swire.

CLEANANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 7th December.
 Amoy, British str., for Hongkong.
 Kwanglo, Chinese str., for Canton.
 Kwangyung, British str., for Canton.
 Kwangyung, British str., for Singapore.
 Saint Hugo, British str., for Singapore.

DEPARTURES.

7th December.
 ANDREE RICKMEYER, German str., for Bangkok.
 BALTIMORE, U.S. str., for Chefoo.
 CHINGTU, British str., for Hongkong.
 HANOT, French str., for Hongkong.
 KWEIYANG, British str., for Ningpo.
 KWEIYANG, German str., for Swatow.
 MATHESON, German str., for Swatow.
 PRINZ SIGISMUND, German str., for Swatow.
 SINGAPORE, British str., for Shanghai.
 TAIWAN, Dutch str., for Yokohama.
 TRIUMPH, German str., for Swatow.
 YUNNAN, British str., for Canton.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

7th December.
 ARREDEEN DOCK.—U.S.S. Fishhawk, Agin-
 court, Ensign of Japan, Ha, (Armed), Vig-
 ilant, H.M.S. Albatross, H.M.S. Robin, Juno.
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 Hongkong, 4th November, 1904. [2609]

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 Hongkong, 7th December, 1904. [2850]

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COMPANY, LIMITED.
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 Captain Thomson, will be despatched as above
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 JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
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 Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [2843]

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AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st inst., at Noon.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 19th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 1st Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 7th Feb.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st Mar.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 29th inst., P.M.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 22nd inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th Jan.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 8th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 30th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst., at Daylight.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst., at Noon.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 11th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th inst., at 4 p.m.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst., at 4 p.m.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 3 p.m.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst.
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AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 17th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst., at Daylight.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th inst., at Daylight.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst., at Daylight.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 10 a.m.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 10th inst.
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AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst., at Noon.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th inst., at 10 a.m.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	About 28th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th inst.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th inst., at Noon.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 15th inst., at 3 p.m.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP.	MOYRE	Brit. str.	1 m.	Young	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th inst., at Noon.

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